

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend page 1 of the specification, after the word "SPECIFICATION," and before the word "INTRODUCTION" as follows:

**CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 09/308,511, filed May 19, 1999, now abandoned, which is a 371 National Stage filing of International Patent Application PCT/US97/21687, filed November 27, 1997 and published in English as WO98/22145 on May 28, 1998, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Ser. No. 08/755,034, filed on November 22, 1996, now United States Patent No. 6,204,250, the contents of each of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entireties.

**STATEMENT REGARDING FEDERALLY SPONSORED RESEARCH**

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